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March 1854

26th Sund. Have not felt at all well today. Forenoon Preached from Ez. 18. 30 The number present was rather larger than usual - Afternoon lectured on Matt. 7. 13-29.

27th Mond. Still working at Chapel Putting in lower doors of the House & Plastering above.

Last week our boy Jas. Beale was accused by some of Mr. B's workmen of stealing rice from us & giving it to some women at the Salt Pond near us. Tonight we heard the case ~~[illegible]~~ but were unable to decide - It is evident however I think, that he has been guilty of great improprieties & sins. This has been a great trial to us all, for we have had entire confidence in him, & he has done us great service. May God direct us right in this trying

affair & lead this offending boy to true penitence & change.

28th Tues. The work as usual nothing unusual — Have been making out accounts of the Carpenters & Masons, so as to give the affairs ~~the affairs~~ of this Station over to bro Burton at the first of next month.

29 Wed. Plastered the dining room today — & prepared the last Lodging room for Plastering.

30 Thurs. Spent some time in reading and some in working.

31st Today I gave due bills to some of the workmen, having settled with all so as to give the accounts of this Station in a proper manner to bro Burton. From this time on I shall

have only the accounts of the common Store to keep. This change will relieve of much labor as it is often tiresome to settle up with the men on late evenings & pay them what may be due them. However we shall soon have our buildings completed & will of course have fewer men employed.

This evening closes another month. How merciful God has been to me! I desire to live nearer him in prayer and faith. I am much perplexed in reference to my future labors. Some things seem to indicate that I should remain here. Bro. B. has talked considerable about my going with him to Nelaa at the Falls of the Jong where he thinks we could erect a Saw-Mill. I am convinced that a lumber mill would do much good here, if once put in operation. But I am doubtful about Susanas health ever allowing her to come to this coast.

April 1854

7th How different April here is from what it used to be at home. Here we have the heat of midsummer & the trees in general at full clad with leaves while formerly at this ~~time~~ season I saw & felt frosty nights and the mere promise of leaves on trees of the forest. But in nothing is there so great a difference between my surroundings now & formerly as in the people. The few children we have here disclose such degraded hearts as almost discourage us in training them. Untruthful - dishonest - and treacherous - we scarcely know what to do with them.

But if I were to return home I could no more see April or any other month ~~as~~ at other times - Two of my dear sisters are gone never to be seen again on earth - My little sisters who used to climb so fondly on my knee have grown up almost to woman-hood & my dear parents are fast changing by age so that the scenes of the past at home are past forever.

But I have at home a most tender and loving wife in ~~co~~ society I can forget ~~the~~ much that is grievous & my little Alice will be ready answer my desire for the

company of little ones. Susan writes that She is indeed a comfort & help in times of sickness. Today Bro. B takes the accounts of this Station

2 Sund. Forenoon preached from Ps 119. 6 Afternoon Spoke on the cleansing of the Lepers Matt 8- 1K. I feel quite well this evening. Bro Burton is well, but Sist Oldreih has had ague for two days & is this evening quite unwell.

3 Mond. It is now late - I have just finished the Quarterly Report due March 31st. I find that the Expenses of this Station during the last 3 months have been £ 198-17-4 - those of the former Quarter were —— £ 145-8-2 But if it were all considered as Cash it would not be so much as Goods sell at a large profit —

Miss B. quite unwell today.

4th Tues. This morning early Sr. Cole came from Bau Mendi with large canoe to get Rice from Mr. Nathan

During the day I attended the meeting of native chiefs at Mawmy about 4 miles South of us on the 28. The meeting was to conclude a treaty of peace. There were present Prince Charlie, King of Sherbro— Caulker, Chief of Bendoo— Harry Tucker Chief of Kaw Mendi, & Three of the Tuckers from the lower part of the Big Boom— Sissicumbia Chief Tuckoon on the Little Boom— & some others from the upper Country & Ibeboo being sick sent a man to act for him also Carabah who could not leave sent two men to represent him in the meeting— They all agreed to desist from war & to keep the treaty before entered into with the English. Mr. Hanson the

Eng. Consul took an active part in the meeting and manged the business well. The mode of confirming their intentions is by washing the hand in cold water & shaking hands. The Parrah was there with their rude cries & music.

Started late in the evening for Kaw Mendi to see about the division of the property deposited there & belonging to the whole Mission although ~~it is now~~ was six months from the time that the work was commenced here till the time bro. Tefft left & the General Store came into my care yet there was no Book for General Store opened nor any separation of Goods, this makes it difficult for me to commence my business with the

general Store, for there should
have been books for such a Store
opened before I had any thing
to do with it as there were then
Stations and all on an equality
in rights. Each should have had
its own Books & there should
have been a book of General accounts

April 5 Landed at Kaw M.
at 8 O. in the morning &
examined the books some during
the day but was not well ~~any~~
enough to do much

April 6th 7 8 9 10 Sick at Kaw
Mendi. On the evening of the
~~April~~ 10 Dr. Cook came
up bringing letters & papers
I received one letter from home
the health as good as usual but
my father is becoming very frail

has given up his farm & moved into Lafayette a little village near. I am almost convinced that I should go home at once & attend to his affairs & take care of him in his afflictions & sufferings.

April 11th Tues. Left Hawmendi about noon, but as we were a little too late the tide was against us the latter part of the way & we did not arrive here till 11 O. at night Bro. Burton & Sist Aldrich are only tolerably well.

April 12 Wed. At Good Hope busy at several things Called on Mr. & Mrs. Watham lately married & arrived while I was at H. M. They seem to be quite happy

Mrs. Nathan appears to be young & is very bashful but appears to be a cheerful & ami ble woman. I hope they will be aids to us in our work. Brought a lot of Goods from Ch. M. & have opened & pre [illegible] them. School Books Bi bles. Slates Ink &c.

April 13 Thurs. Not well today, but worked some at the Kitchen & Spent considerable time on accounts of this Station & the General Store

14 Frid. This is Good Frid. & our workmen being Sierra Leone men asked this evening if we did not observe it as a Holy day. we told them we did not & they all continued at work, but most of Mr B's men quit work. They had Judas hung in effigy on a Co Coa nut tree &

Spent a considerable part of the [day]
in playing ball near the place
This day a year I was at Point
Factory & preached there as all the
people quit work at 10 O. God
has mercifully preserved me. I do
too little to show either gratitude
or appreciation of the privileges &
opportunities of doing good affor-
ded me. I am much perplexed
about going home soon. May God
direct me!

Sat. April 15th Have been busy with
the books & accounts. Bro Condit
came down late from Hau Mendi
on his way to Freetown.

Sund 16 Today bro Condit preached
I have been thinking much about
starting home soon and today was
near determining to leave next week
but bro B says if I leave he will
do so too. & that would ~~leave~~ this station
vacant. I do not know what to do

12 Mond. April 17th

Today bro. Condit started for Freetown. I sent the Quarterly Report for this Station & Mo-Tappan for the quarter ending March 31st. I also sent a short letter to bro. Whipple one to bro. Tefft & a very short note to my dear Susan. This has been a busy day.

Tues 18th Working at accounts most of the day.

Wed 19 This evening Bro. Condit came back with fever. He was taken on Mond. night but did not immediately return thinking he would get better but becoming worse & meeting a canoe coming this way he sent the mission canoe on to town & returned by the other. He is now quite sick & it is so dark & rainy that we could not

send for the Dr. tonight. This after
noon and tonight I have written a
letter to my Parents & one to my ~~Sis~~
wife, expecting to send them tomorrow
on Mr. W's Schooner

Thurs 20th This morning early bro. B started
for Haw Menade to send down the Dr. for
bro. Condit & to remain in his place at
H. M. as he has been there alone since bro
Condit came away bro Thompson having gone
some days since to New-Tappan. The Dr
has not yet come although it is near 9 O.
I have been very busy all day & feel much
fatigued as I watched with bro. C. last night
till 3½ O. ~~Mr.~~ W's Schooner started for
Freetown today at 2 O. I sent my letters
to parents wife, bro. Z & sent upon
the Schooner Mrs. Jopranima our hired
woman she was not well & did not
suit us. Bro C. is getting better.

Frid 21st I have been working most of
the day & now (12½) have arisen to watch with
bro. Condit till morning have had very little
sleep & feel uncomfortable & feverish. I
must either have more sleep at night or
else do less during the day. It is of little

we to call such watches as we mostly get here because we have to stay with them to show them what to do & how to do it.

I now fear that bro Condit will have a severe spell of sickness if not fatal. I was not with him much today as the Dr. was here, but on going into his room this evening I thought him not so well & now I think he is still getting worse. The fever is high & the skin is dry. He seems very weak & stupid. Poor man, it was in vain that he hoped to escape the African Fever.

Sat. 22nd Commenced work early preparing tin for the Chapel Roof but did not continue longer than till 1 O. as bro Condit became still worse. I laid down this evening to rest a few minutes & soon fell asleep & continued 2 hours — an unusual thing for me. Bro. C is getting weaker and yet his fever is still increasing

Sund 23 12½ O A.M. Because of bro C's sickness in our house, I had meeting in the new Chapel today in place of having it here. Bro. Burton came down last night from Shaw Mendi. I preached this morning from John 10.9. Bro B. Sist A & Dr. Cole all remained with bro Condit

who is now in all probability near his last moments- he has sunk very fast since I left for Chapel. I watched with him from 12 o'c last night till morning- he suffered much- This is a sad scene- and my mind darts forward to one I fear will take place soon at the place where the black sealed letter reaches his companion. Great God! accept my devout thanks for thy mercy to me & mine- & hear my heartfelt prayer that thy hand may guard us till we meet again.

I am deeply perplexed to know what to do I do feel deeply the necessity for me to return to my wife & friends & yet I also fear of doing injustice to the cause by leaving & besides my two dear colaborers here do not want me to leave. Each day increases my attachment to them & my confidence in them. We can labor harmoniously & happily together

Evening at dark Bro. Cornit is gone- he expired at 1½ o P.M. I feel sad- Have written a letter to my dear Susan whom I so much desire to see

18 April

24th Today we laid bro Condit's body in the silent grave, Bro Thompson came down & made a short address to those present, before we left the house & sung & prayed at the grave.

25th Tues. I have not been well today bro Thompson left for Kaw Mendi I talked to him and the rest together about my leaving soon but they do not wish me to leave.

26th Wed not well, but worked some

27th Thurs. Have suffered much today with aching & pain in the back & sides resulting probably from cold—I am obliged keep my bed most of the time although I have gone about to see to the work,

28th Frid Much afflicted in my back and sides unable to work,

29 Sat. I feel some better but have done nothing today. I pray God to

guide me in determining whether to go home now or remain till some other help comes.

31th Sund. I have felt somewhat better today than for 3 days back I preached this forenoon from John 17. 4. There was a tolerably good number present – Mr. Hanson was present. Afternoon lectured on Matt. 5–13

May 1854

1st Mond. It is now about 11 O. P. I have just finished reading some letters received by the Mission Canoe. One from my Dear Susan informing me that she is as well as usual. How much I desire to be at Home, as I no long – or rather never did feel a great deal of interest in this mission, and do think I can labor more agreeably & successfully in other places

I also received a good letter from Rev. D. A. Wilson Monrovia Liberia – He urges me to ~~go~~ join him in that field of labor & to remain in his position till he can visit the U. S. He has charge of the Alex. High

School at Monrovia & is sustained by the Pres. Board, and he is desirous to have me with him to teach and also to preach to the Pres. Church. Sister Libby sent me a kind note in reply to one I wrote her some time since. She is a most excellent person — has waited on my dear Susan in sickness & has in every way shown the warmest & truest affection. By this arrival Bro. Burton received a threatening letter from Bro Whipple the Cor. Sec.

2nd Tues. We have had a busy day. Last night we learned that the men on our canoe the last trip to town had stolen some articles on off the canoe & had been very unfaithful during the passage. Today we called Boe Yamore the headman of the adjoining town & our Land-lord & Mr Nathan & investigated the matter & found all guilty of theft except one & they were flogged according to the law of this part of the country on

of them, the Capt. manifested du-ring the trial a most villainous character — He is certainly an old prac-titioner in the thieving business. I have been looking over the Goods Recieved The amount at wholesale New-York Price is nearly $800.00 and the assurance here will be about 70 per cent.

~~Wed 3rd Started in the morning and reached Rawbendi at 6. P.M. My business in ~~[illegible]~~~~

This entry [illegible]

May 13th I have not written in this book for many days, being at R. M. and other places & not being able to write part of the time I was gone. Since coming home I have been unwell & have been pressed with work

May 3rd I left for R. M. to aid bro. Thompson in arranging the accounts of the mission as the had before been in the hands of bro Condit who lately died

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I also wished to complete the division property deposited there, as to remove what was not needed there to this place & charge the balance to that Station.

I arrived at R. M. at 4 O. P. M.

4th Thurs. Spent considerable part of the helping bro F. Lectured in the evening to the School.

5 Frid. Dividing Goods Lectured to School in the evening. Dr. Cole came from G. M.

6th Sat. Most of the day dividing Goods Lectured to the Church preparatory to the evening Sacrament

7th Sund. Preached forenoon from John 4.6 Aided in administering the Sacrament in the afternoon.

Evening preached from Prov. 29. 1st

Somewhat feverish the house being so low as to become exceedingly heated by the sun, as it is a tin roof and tarred.

8 Mond. Not well, but as arrangements

had been made for Lieut. Moore. Geo Thompson & me to go to Weela on the Jong River & as I was anxious to see the place before I return I saved my strength till noon & then started. We descended the Little Boom to its emptying into the Jong (1 hour & 20 min. rowing) & then ascending that river reached Weela at 6 O. P. M. The river ~~is not~~ we found not so crooked as most rivers I have seen here — we found high banks commencing about half way up — the ~~clear~~ water clear — & Granite Rocks at the edges & in the Bottom of the River. Weela is a beautiful place but owing to the recent war the people are extremely poor. We, by making a small present, procured a house in which to lodge, but as we had ~~neglected to bring~~ taken no provisions from home, because Geo T. said we could purchase abundance, we were obliged to make a supper of roasted plantain & Capadas, which ~~in~~ in no way benefitted me, if I may judge from my feelings during the night.

We tried to buy fowls but as the people had only "one, one, one"—(Each man one) they could not sell. On a couple of pieces of an Old Canoe covered with Over-Coat & Rain Clothes & myself covered with a blanket, I spent the night in feverish dreams & more feverish wakefulness, while the yells & songs of the watchmen & others, together with their tom toms & other Rude Instruments were quite sufficient to break up the most settled spell of the fever dream.

9th In the morning we had the good fortune after a long delay & much effort to secure one almost half grown ~~fowl~~ Chicken which with Cassada & Plantain & Rice made our breakfast. Before we partook however Bro. J & I went out to see the country on the N. side of the River (the same side with the town) We walked along a path up the River

but at some distance from it for about 1½ mile, crossing two Small Brooks. One running over a bed of Granite, the water being both cold & clear. The Stream is Small but most likely continues all the year round, & as it runs very rapidly is more pure than the majority of these rivulets. After prayer & Breakfast & a short talk to the Chief & a few other people we went ~~[illegible]~~ to see the Falls, which are immediately above the town & as the River ~~turns~~ makes nearly a Right angle to the E. the falls are immediate in front of the town. We crossed over below the fall & then pushed across the point formed by the bend of the River, & then walked along an immense Ledge of Rocks to the place where the greatest part of the falls. Here the water drops perpendicularly 6 or 7 ft & immedi

24 ately above is another fall of perhaps 18 in & both below & above are strong Rapids Perhaps the whole fall is 20 ft but all of that could not be secured in a single site owing to the sinking of the water in the Rocks which from its wide bed. I looked the place & think that by digging a race about 35 rods a fall of 12 ft could be procured but during the Rains the high water would probably prevent the machinery from running at times The race at the depest place would have to 17 or 20 ft deep

We left Wela at noon & arrived at R M at night. We had tremendous tornado & exceedingly heavy Rains almost half the way.

I felt fearful of fever, at the advice of Dr. Cook I took a dose of cal

o Well, which operated freely & as I had fever my sufferings during the latter part of the night were very severe. I vomited every half hour or there abouts from 3 O. at night till 9 in the morning when the friends succeeded in checking it.

10th Wed. Confined to the bed all day. but was tolerably easy & slept well during the night.

11 Started about 11½ O. for this place in company with Dr. Cole expecting reach it by sundown, but as our men did not pull well, & there was a strong breeze against us, we had tide against us, and one man broke his oar, we were late not reaching this place till 10½ at night. I was already feverish & not resting well the remainder of the night, my fever increased

12th Frid. Was able to do but ~~little~~ little but was obliged to unbox & pack some Goods for Rhaw Mensi & Mo=Zappaw to send up by the Boat on return. Also I had to make some entries in the account book.

13th Sat. Have done something at the accounts feel pretty well.

14 Sun. Reached this forenoon from Luke 10th 37th not many present. This afternoon lectured on a portion of the 8th Chapt. of Matt. Yesterday evening we settled off with the only two masons we have had in our employ for some months told them that we would send them to town during the first of the week. & today feeling free from restraint they made up a company & went off to a native town about 4 ms to attend bunness & to

have sport. This shows how little principle they have after all their teaching. It is discouraging to have anything to do with these Sierra-Leone people in most cases but some are good helps even by example.

Today as well as during several days past I have thought much about returning home soon & I have about come to the conclusion to leave soon after the canoe makes a trip to town if there is then an opportunity. I have now brought away from Kaw Mendi nearly all the property that they do not need & have the chapel almost completed can soon commence the School- the house has not much left undone so that I can perhaps leave in the course of 3 weeks without any more injury to things here than at a later period.

15th With a heavy heart I take my seat to note the doings of the day. I am

much troubled about my present duty whether I should at once start home or not. I have had some intention of going on the Canoe in a day or two. May God direct me in my course.

Dec. 16 This day has been one of trial of Patience. The Carpenters (Mr. Pathaway) who made Mr Benedicts Coffin presented their bill a few days since calling for £2-5-0 & we refused to pay it on account of its exorbitance & they have been threatening to sue at Freetown. We were anxious to settle the affair & invited them down talk the matter over. One of them (King) refused to have anything to do with it & one's ^company^ who aided also. But the other two stuck out for the whole. I finally paid it all but the 90. as they made so much ado that I knew they were doing their Finding out also that old School

matter was concerned & it we dismissed him at once. All this was very unpleasant. I think I never before knew a man of less principle than one (Sheys) of the two mentioned.

17th Wed. Have been busy all day marking Goods & Boxing some up to send to the other Stations—

18 Most of the spent in marking Goods Heavy Rain tonight

19 Still engaged in the Store marking Goods Brought from K.M. a few days since.

20 Sat Finished marking Goods & feel that so long as the mission supports so large Schools as Kaw Mendi & trades so much as they do there, too much time must be taken up in handling goods. I feel that there is too much of that now either to leave the

necessary time to attend to his
more proper work, or

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30 the Conscience at rest or to prevent
the heathen from supposing that we
come here for Selfish purposes.
21st Sund. Preached this forenoon from
Matt. 18th 11 Lectured in the after
noon on part of the 8 Chapt of Matt.
This evening a little before Sunset
I took an interpreter with me
& went to Ngoralako, a town only
one fourth of a mile distant and
Spoke a short time to the people
On arriving I told the head man
what I had come for & requested
him to call his people together &
in a few minutes about 35 came
who were all or nearly all in the town
In my discourse I mentioned that they
Should leave off all "country fashions"
& obey God. My interpreter in turning
the word mentioned polygamy as one of the sins which
they must forsake & the head man, having
several wives & understanding English at
once took up the discourse & went on

Specifying drunkenness & theft &c as 31
the things I referred to — so as to divert
the minds of the people from what the
interpreter had said. They do not like
to be approached in the direction
of their peculiar sins. Much after
all like other men in other countries

22 Sent some provisions to K M.
Porter accounts. Dr. Cole came late
from K. M. on his way to Mo-
Toppare

23 Finished Porting Accounts &
Labored some — Exceedingly heavy
Rain and Tornado

24th Bought Rice — Purchased
good from Nathan for the
other Stations — Sent Goods to K M

25th Thurs. Working most of the day.

26 Frid. This evening before dark
Bro Burton arrived with the
Canoe from town. Bringing a large

amount of Goods & some letters — One from dear Susan in reply to my inquiry about her willingness for me to remain an other year — She replies in the negative. I intend to leave next Mon'd or Tues.

May God keep both her & me,

Sat 27 Arranged some accounts & commenced packing up to start home. I have had some bad feelings in regard to leaving the Mission in the State it now is. I believe if I could stay one year I could do much to bring about a more systematic mode of operation than now exists.

28 Sund Preached from Matth 24.44 Spoke plainly as I have often done to these people here — hope it will not be in vain — But I am not

satisfied with my ministry here either as it regards my own feelings or the effects on those to whom I have ministered. Afternoon spoke on a portion of 8th Chapt of Matt. the last part from the 28 to the end this I suppose is my last discourse to the people here as I hardly expect ever to return. May God bless and own what I said right & forgive the wrong.

29 Mond. Have been employed most of the day in Packing up and preparing to leave Received this evening some letters. Among them one from bro. Whipple in which he rejoices under the impression given him by bro Tefft that I had become fully changed in my views of the field here & had concluded therefore to remain longer while bro Tefft knew that my reason for consenting to stay a while was nothing only utter need of my so doing & their entreaties that I would

I cannot but feel glad that I am
soon to be free from such mis[illegible]
standings & misrepresentations. But let
me say little about these matters & go
quietly home & take the work God
designs for me. I am now ready
to start. & hope to set out early
in the morning.

May 30th morning 6½ O'clock. about
to start. May God direct me aright &
safely till I reach my dear friends
May he forgive me if I am leaving
the place of duty. I have mingled
feelings. 4 O'clock
afternoon on bard canoe off Kamplace
the place at which the first Liberians
settled. It low muddy & swampy. &
it seems strange to me that such a
place was chosen for a settlement, but
at that time nothing was known of
the more healthful & favorable loca-
tions on the main land. The place
is now without inhabitant & is much
overgrown with Bush But the
marks of its once been improved are
still discernible not only in the
lowness of the bush. but also in the

Orange Mango Pawpaw trees that are left. I think the natives are averse to settleing at any place once occupied by civilized people. This entire abandonment of this place seems to be an additional evidence of it. Had the settlement continued here it would necessarily have been retarded much by the distance to any good farming land. The destitution good building timber & the exposure to the hostile attack of the natives from the swamps around as the place is entirely a flat. They would besides have been out of the way of trade the place being on the side of the R. next the main land so that the Eng steamers which now stop at Monrovia would not have visited that place. It is a lonely desolate looking situation & my mind runs back to the awful suffering of those who for a time inhabited it. For it is a trial indeed to linger in ~~a protracted~~ ill health month after month in these horrid mangrove swamps among rude men & women, and all else of similar sort. But we pass along to

Good Bye to Hamplar & thanks to
Him whose wisdom directed these
poor exiles to a better home.

May 31 Wed. Morn. Sun-rise — We are now
making our way slowly up the
lagoon towards Plantain Is. Last
night about 9 O a heavy rain came
on and the darkness was such that
we could see to proceed and as I had
not the bearing of the coast suffi-
ciently correct to go by the compass
we put anchor to wait till it
would become lighter, but the rain
continued till morning. I watched
about for some time but finally
went to sleep and on waking about
day light found we were aground
I aroused the men saw the tide
was lowering & made haste to try
to get off & with difficulty we did
so. So it often is with these people
They sleep & neglect till the tide leaves
them to ~~their~~ enjoy a longer rest. Not
unlike we often & spiritually sleep till
we settle gradually down on some

workably object till we can with with difficulty remove
We now come in sight of Boomba took - The people are coming out to fish with seine. The morning is very damp and hazy. I do not feel well.
12 O. We now pass Plantain I. at a rapid rate. A strong wind started up an hour ago accompanied with considerable rain and have the appearance of continuing & although the weather seems rather rough yet we conclude not to stop, but to try to cross Yawro Bay - If we should have no accident & the wind continues as it is we can probably reach Cape Shilling by 6 or 7 O. this evening. I hope God will preserve & direct us. If we were to stope here at all we would have to stay till tomorrow & then perhaps we would not have a fair wind.
8½ O. Mouth of Boompeh River. After leaving plantain the wind was pretty favorable for about an hour & then

 wheeling round blew heavily against us making the Sea rough & obliging us to change our course & after Rowing & Sailing till nearly night but having made but little progress we were com-pelled to turn back to this river for Shelter, as we could not reach the one above we wished to enter for the night. All we can see to give any Sign of human beings anywhere near us is a light kept up by a man who is employed by the timber traders to give assistance to those coming down with rafts to the vessels, anchored some 8 or 10 miles from us. I had considerable difficulty in getting the men to come in here on account of a foolish story their Superstition gives credence to, that the place is infested with some Sort Monsters or infernal beings that molest those who attempt to Spend the night. here They advise me, that if they appear I must not Speak to them as it enrages them. Poor fellows how much unnecessary fear their Superstition causes them — I have just

eaten a little of the men's rice
not feeling any relish for anything
I have with me.
May God preserve & direct us
Thurs. Morn. June 1st 1854.
On a Sand bank mouth of Rocc
Fish River. About midnight last
night as a canoe passed us & I
awoke our men to follow them as
they were bound for Sierra Leone
but after the men had taken up
anchor & gone a little distance &
not seeing the Canoe in consequence
of their slowness in starting, they all
began to complain that it would
be rough at sea & as it was cloudy
they were afraid of storm again
ahead of us. Not knowing that it
would be safe I yielded charging
them to be sure we were in
deep water & to keep the canoe
afloat by changing her place, but
although one sat up we found
about 4 O that we were fast.
Just now 6½ O we got off

40 Fried Morn 8 O. June 2nd Off York

Yesterday about 6 O. we reached Kent & I called on my friend Rev. Bultman took a little refreshment, which is sure to be offered soon after ~~one~~ one arrives, and after remaining on shore an hour & a half started for York where I landed 7 h. Went to Rev. Ehemanns & found him & Mrs. E. as kind & hospitable as ever. I remained during the night & although neither Mr. E nor myself was well yet we sat up & talked till a late hour. The rest of the night I rested well. Took Coffee this morning & am now again under way for town which I hope to reach before night if we do not have contrary winds. Mr. E is an excellent man both he & Mr. Bultmann were Lutherans before uniting with the Church Miss. Soc. They seem to succeed well in their labors. Mr. E particularly agrees with me in my views of the Sherbro country & of the course adopted by the Company at Mendi Mission. This morning is clear & calm & the sea is comfortably cool.

4.0. P.M. a few miles South of False Cape, at anchor near the Shore. Since I left Spek this morning the men have done rowing enough to take us to Freetown if no head winds had prevailed but soon after we started they commenced & became more & more violent until about an hour since when we found that we could not even hold our own against it & we put into a little bay & cast anchor. So now I wait to see what the winds will compel us to do. Whether to lie still here or cause us to seek a better shelter. Or perhaps we shall be allowed to pass round the point & reach Freetown some time in the night. I leave all with God as the Capt says he does. & here I would say that I have the fullest evidence to believe in this he intelligently & sincerely speaks. It is not only when we are detained and baffled that he thus talks, but also when the sea is calm & we are progressing finely. Yesterday

morning we had a fair breeze for a short time & I then saw all were in fine spirits & asked them if they did not think we would soon "katch" (Reach) Pert. the Capt replied, "Massa dat all live in God hand, spose we have breez we can catch." I wish I had the patience he has. Poor fellow he has weathered many a storm in there open Canoes.

But my future course Morally is also doubtful. & I wish to leave that with God also. All I desire to do is to exercise that thought about the matter, that I should do as an intelligent being. I have little or no expectation of ever returning to Mendi Miss. But because of the Anti-slavery feature of the Am. Miss. Asso. & the kindness of the Com. to me I am inclined to go to some other place under their auspices. On account of the neglect of the Lutheran Ch. towards Africa & the belief that Liberia presents a good field for them to found a Mission in I am inclined to make an effort to have them establish a station there. On account of the duties I owe to my wife & child & to my parents, who if yet alive now need my care I am led to think of taking my wife, father &

mother & youngest sister & moving to my fathers small farm which they brought ill health have had to leave & spending a few years with them & meantime do what good I can in the neighborhood & look more fully into the other plans & if convinced that neither is my duty to settle at once in some country charge. These things will occupy much of my thoughts during my passage home & if spared to land I honestly look at the indications of Providence in the condition of friends - the disposition of the L. Church & the affairs of the Am. Miss. Ass. & now may my Father help me to cast away selfish motives - be patient & prayerful & calmly receive his Guidance

Sat morn. Last night in a little bay at Fiving key. Sea rough - Got wet with waves dashing over the Canoe. Arrived in Harbor about 8 O. A.M. Exceedingly weak feverish & thirsty as we could not get ashore for water Ship to sail soon - ran about getting ready till fever overcame me - in bed at Elliotts a while - Rain prevented finishing loading till the
tide rolled.